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SUBJ: ELECTION RULES SQUEEZE OPPOSITION

REF: LISBON 3459

SUMMARY: GOP HAS PUBLISHED NEW RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL  
CAMPAIGNING DESIGNED TO CLIP WINGS OF OPPOSITION. END SUMMARY

1. INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS PUBLISHED RULES FOR ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN SEPT. 30. RULES PROVIDE, INTER  
ALIA, THAT:

(A) COMPOSITION OF ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS MUST BE  
APPROVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNORS.

(B) NOTIFICATION OF TIME AND PLACE OF POLITICAL  
MEETINGS MUST BE SENT TO GOVERNOR OR POLICE AT LEAST  
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

(C) ALL MEETINGS MUST END BY MIDNIGHT.

(D) MEETINGS MAY BE TERMINATED BY POLICE IF  
"INCITEMENT TO SUBVERSION, DISOBEDIENCE, RESISTANCE

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(SIC), OR INSULT TO AUTHORITY" OCCURS.

(E) ALL WRITTEN POLITICAL PROPAGANDA MUST BE SIGNED,  
OR THOSE WHO DISTRIBUTE IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS.

(G) POSTERS MAY BE AFFIXED ONLY IN PLACES DESIGNATED  
BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

(H) ALL POLITICAL PROPAGANDA MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
CIVIL GOVERNOR IN ADVANCE OF CIRCULATION. GOVERNOR MAY  
PROHIBIT CIRCULATION IF DOCUMENTS CONTAIN MATERIAL  
WHICH INCITES TO VIOLENCE OR OPPOSES "INTEGRITY OF  
NATIONAL TERRITORY" (I.E. CONTINUED GOP RULE OVER  
OVERSEAS PROVINCES).

(I) LOUDSPEAKERS MAY NOT BE USED IN STREETS.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT LISBON'S CIVIL GOVERNOR HAS TOLD  
LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL COMMISSION (CDE) THAT ONLY  
CANDIDATES MAY SPEAK AT POLITICAL RALLIES. CDE HAS  
APPEALED TO PM CAETANO FOR REVERSAL OF THIS DECISION.  
IF ENFORCED, THE "CANDIDATES ONLY" RULE WILL CRIMP STYLE  
OF OPPOSITIONISTS MEETINGS. MOST CDE CANDIDATES ARE  
LITTLE KNOWN, AND MANY ARE WORKERS. CDE HAD PLANNED FOR  
RALLIES TO BE ADDRESSED BY PROMINENT OPPOSITIONISTS WHO  
ARE NOT CANDIDATES: FOR EXAMPLE CDE HAD SCHEDULED  
A RALLY IN LISBON AT WHICH OPPOSITIONIST ECONOMIST  
PEREIRA DE MOURA AND LEFTIST POLEMICISTS URBANO TAVARES  
RODRIGUES AND MARIA SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA, ALL PROMINENT  
INDIVIDUALS BUT NOT CANDIDATES, WERE BILLED AS SPEAKERS.

3. COMMENT: IF ENFORCED RIGOROUSLY, ELECTORAL  
REGULATIONS MAY TURN A DULL, ONE-SIDED ELECTION CAMPAIGN  
INTO A VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE ONE.

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